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Gritty PA-Bred Roadhog Retired

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Dr. Dale Schilling and wife Ellen Lea had no reason to think that Roadhog would be anything special. The oversized gelding sports some serious conformational flaws and paddles dramatically when he runs. "There was nothing particularly promising about him," Schilling recalled, before adding, "but when we got him on the grass, that was the turning point."

Homebred Roadhog, foaled at their Willow Lake Farm in 2007, did not make it to the races until he was a 3-year-old, and then was soundly beaten in his first two starts. Both were dirt track events at Philadelphia

Park. However, in his first try on grass, Roadhog lost by less than a length, then just missed by a nose next out. It was against open company at Monmouth Park that the son of Bowman's Band first won, kicking off the start of a lengthy and luxurious career.

The \$75,000 Alphabet Soup Handicap, named after one of Pennsylvania's richest and most elite runners, was both Roadhog's final start in 2010 and first stakes win. He bounded clear to score by 2 lengths after dueling for the lead throughout much of the 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile contest. He had already surpassed expectations with three wins in his first eight

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starts, but he still had years of exceptional racing in store.

Lightly raced in 2011, Roadhog finished second in the \$75,000 Robellino Stakes at Penn National in August before winning a November allowance race. That set him up for a 2012 season that saw him win both the Robellino and the \$100,000 Maryland Million Turf Stakes at Laurel Park.

“He really liked both the grass and the Tapeta,” Schilling said. “He was a big, robust, pushy boy from the get go, and that’s why we named him Roadhog.”

One of Schilling’s favorite memories is flying to Presque Isle Downs for the \$75,000 Leematt Stakes in 2013. “That was kind of fun,” he recalled. “We flew out there, watched the race, and flew home the next morning.” Roadhog, who was conditioned by trainer Elizabeth Merryman and ran under his breeders’ banner of Ellendale Racing LLC, won the Leematt by 4 widening lengths.

Following a victory in a second Alphabet Soup Handicap—after having finished second and sixth in the race in the interim years—Roadhog stepped up to defend his title in the Maryland Million. He would be facing one of racing’s great geldings, the popular multi-millionaire and multiple graded stakes winner Ben’s Cat. The two

dueled to the wire in a thrilling display, with Roadhog upsetting the favorite by a neck.

“I used to have that race call saved on my phone,” Schilling recalled. “Beating Ben’s Cat was definitely his biggest race, I would have to say. That was the best.”

Roadhog wheeled back into the \$100,000 Japan Racing Association Stakes at Laurel three weeks later. He was roughed up early, checking behind the heels of his rivals, and still ran on to be second, missing by a nose.

A 2014 allowance race was Roadhog’s final victory; he won a Presque Isle synthetic mile for state-breds by 1¾ lengths. Although he never found the winner’s circle again, he continued to bring home checks, including a third-place finish in his attempt to win three consecutive Maryland Million Turfs. He went on to run second in the race in 2015, his fifth straight effort in the race.

After two off-the-board efforts in 2016, Roadhog was retired to Willow Lake Farm in Bucks County. He raced for seven seasons, winning 10 of 44 starts with nine seconds and six thirds for earnings of \$670,264. He won six stakes races and was second or third in nine others.

Roadhog is the best foal from his dam, the winning Allen’s Prospect mare Little

Wing. However, she has thrown three winners from three starters overall. “She’s a big chestnut mare, and all of her babies were pretty much the same,” Schilling said. Little Wing, now 18, foaled her first filly this year, a daughter of Shackleford already named Big Red Oak (pending Jockey Club approval). She will try to carry on the legacy left by her brother.

“He looks great, he’s sound, and he’s happy,” Schilling said of Roadhog.

Lea rides him three or four times a week, and Roadhog has settled well into his new routine. “He doesn’t even spook at deer,” Schilling added.

Even though he was on the aggressive side as a yearling, Roadhog has matured into a well-mannered individual. “He’s a sweetheart now,” Schilling said. “He talks to you and wants attention as soon as he sees people. His only quirk is that he has to be the first one out. If we take the mares and babies out of the barn before him, he will kick his stall.”

Roadhog has filled out and put on weight since his retirement. He will spend his years as a babysitter to younger racehorses and geldings returning to the farm. “He can teach them some good things,” Schilling said.

A few words from the Executive Secretary

On October 4 at Timonium, breeders, bidders, and consignors alike gathered for the Fasig-Tipton Mid-lantic fall yearling sale. I was lucky enough to attend the sale and see promising PA-Breds sell for some impressive amounts. This year, 42 of the catalogued 51 PA-Breds offered sold and grossed \$957,200 in receipts.

The highlight of the day for me turned out to be the second highest-selling yearling in the entire sale. The PA-Bred filly was by Uncle Mo, consigned by Darby Dan Farm and sold for \$290,000 to Charles Zacney—co-owner of Afleet Alex and Cathryn Sophia

and the guest speaker at our recent 2016 Iroquois Awards Banquet. The filly was bred by Pennsylvania Thomas G. McClay, who also bred the third highest-selling PA-Bred—a Munnings colt that went for \$50,000.

I also wanted to take the time to wish Pennsylvania breeders and consignors Rick and Dixie Abbott the best of luck, as this past Fasig-Tipton sale was their last as Charlton consignors. The couple is retiring after 40 years in the business and recently sold their 160-acre farm which will now be used as a therapeutic riding center.



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Sat., May 28 Penn	\$100,000 Lyphard S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf 1st-Devilwentogeorgia, 2nd-Rock Me Again, 3rd-Devilish Love
Sat., June 4 Parx	\$100,000 Lyman S , 3 & up, 7 fur. 1st-Roxbury N Overton, 2nd-He's Got Talent, 3rd-Bump Start
	\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur. 1st-Disco Chick, 2nd-Rockin Jojo, 3rd-Ignite
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	\$100,000 New Start S , 3YO fillies, 6 fur. 1st-Behrmik's Bank, 2nd-Authoritative, 3rd-Its a Journey
Sun., July 10, PID	\$100,000 Leematt S , 3 & up, 1 mi. 1st-Dynamic Strike, 2nd-Granny's Kitten, 3rd-Grand Old Game
	\$100,000 Northern Fling S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi. 1st-Bound, 2nd-R Frosty One, 3rd-Valued Strike
Sat., July 23, Parx	\$100,000 Crowd Pleaser S , 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf 1st-Saratoga Jack, 2nd-Wychmere, 3rd-Smartly Mr D
	\$100,000 Power by Far S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf 1st-Fat Kat, 2nd-Royal Renege, 3rd-Persnickity
Sat., Aug. 6, Penn	\$100,000 Robellino S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf 1st-Edge of Reality, 2nd-Raging Market, 3rd-Granny's Kitten
Sun., Aug. 7, PID	\$100,000 Malvern Rose S , 3YO fillies, 1 mi. 1st-Lucabunny, 2nd-Hey Monba, 3rd-War Baby
Sat., Sept. 3 Parx	\$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S , 3 & up, 6 fur. 1st-A Fleet Attitude, 2nd-Purcell, 3rd-He's Got Talent
PA Day At Races	\$100,000 Roanoke S , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi. 1st-Kobel, 2nd-Res Judicata, 3rd-Monkey's Medal
	\$100,000 Marshall Jenney H , 3 & up, 5 fur., turf 1st-Winning the Medal, 2nd-Rapid Dan, 3rd (DH)-Agonistic, Spartianos
	\$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 6 fur. 1st-Black Mission Fig, 2nd-Disco Chick, 3rd-Authoritative
	\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf 1st-Valued Strike, 2nd-Devilwentogeorgia, 3rd-Pink Elephant
	Sun., Sept. 4, PID
Sun., Sept. 18, PID	\$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur. 1st-Tulsa Queen, 2nd-Spanker, 3rd-Diamond Dollar
Sat., Sept. 24, Parx	\$100,000 Alphabet Soup H , 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf 1st-Granny's Kitten, 2nd-I'll Call, 3rd-Uncle Dave
Sat., Oct. 8 Parx	\$100,000 Plum Pretty S , 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi. 1st-Trace of Grace, 2nd-Addibel Lightning, 3rd-Maybe Tonight
Wed., Nov. 23, Penn	\$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S , 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Sat., Dec. 3, Parx	\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S , 2YO, 7 fur.

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